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Some questions have arisen about the President's views on the use of the polygraph. There has been a lot of speculation about the implementation of this policy. The President believes the polygraph is a limited though useful tool when used in conjunction with other investigative and security procedures. The President's policy is intended to establish minimum procedures for a limited segment of government employees for most sensitive security clearances. Under this policy the polygraph may be used as an investigative tool in espionage cases. Department and agencies may, as they do now, use the polygraph for access to certain types of sensitive information.

George Shultz fully shares the President's views of the seriousness of espionage cases and agrees with the need to use all legal means which can contribute to the counterespionage effort and help safeguard our national security interests.